

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
BUREAU OF REGULATORY SERVICES**

In Re: Anthony Cruz, L.P.N.

Petition No. 2000-1025-011-045

CONSENT ORDER

WHEREAS, Anthony Cruz (hereinafter "respondent") of Bridgeport, Connecticut has been issued license number 022945 to practice as a licensed practical nurse by the Department of Public Health (hereinafter "the Department") pursuant to Chapter 378 of the General Statutes of Connecticut, as amended; and,

WHEREAS, respondent hereby admits and acknowledges that:

1. On or about September 1, 2000, he was convicted of two counts of risk of injury to a minor in violation of §53-21 and one count of sexual assault in the second degree in violation of §53a-71.
2. The above-described facts constitute grounds for disciplinary action pursuant to the General Statutes of Connecticut, §20-99(b).

WHEREAS, respondent, in consideration of this Consent Order, has chosen not to contest the above allegations at a hearing in front of the Board of Examiners for Nursing (hereinafter "the Board").

Respondent further agrees that this Consent Order shall have the same effect as if ordered after a full hearing pursuant to §§19a-9, 19a-10, and 20-99(b) of the General Statutes of Connecticut.

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to §19a-17 and §20-99(a) of the General Statutes of Connecticut, respondent hereby stipulates and agrees to the following:

1. Respondent waives his right to a hearing on the merits of this matter.
2. Respondent's license number 022945 to practice as a licensed practical nurse in the State of Connecticut is hereby revoked.
3. This Consent Order is effective on the first day of the month immediately following the month in which this Consent Order is approved and accepted by the Board.
4. Respondent understands this Consent Order is a matter of public record.
5. This Consent Order and terms set forth herein are not subject to reconsideration, collateral attack or judicial review under any form or in any forum. Further, this Consent Order is not subject to appeal or review under the provisions of Chapters 54 and 368a of the General Statutes of Connecticut, provided that this stipulation shall not deprive respondent of any other rights that respondent may have under the laws of the State of Connecticut or of the United States.
6. Respondent permits a representative of the Department to present this Consent Order and the factual basis for this Consent Order to the Board. The Department and respondent understand that the Board has complete and final discretion as to whether an executed Consent Order is approved or accepted.
7. Respondent has had the opportunity to consult with an attorney prior to signing this document.

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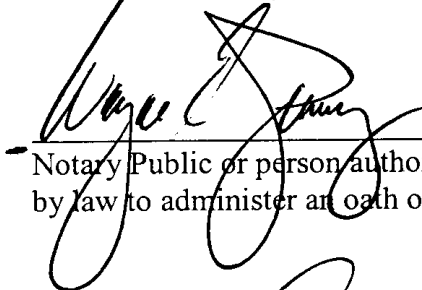
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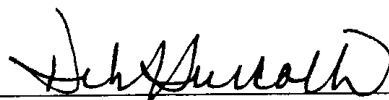
I, Anthony Cruz, have read the above Consent Order, and I agree to the terms set forth therein. I further declare the execution of this Consent Order to be my free act and deed.


* Anthony Cruz, L.P.N.

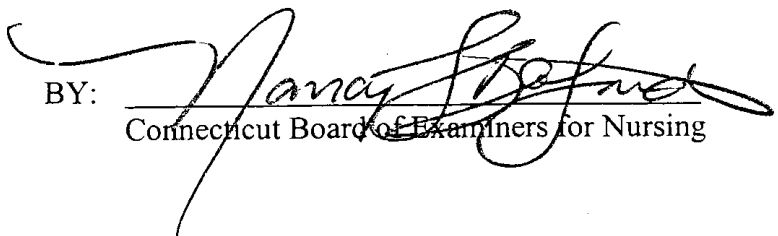
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 2nd day of April, 2002


Notary Public or person authorized
by law to administer an oath or affirmation
Expires 1/31/05

The above Consent Order having been presented to the duly appointed agent of the Commissioner of the Department of Public Health on the 10th day of April, 2002, it is hereby accepted.


Debra J. Turcotte, Director
Division of Health Systems Regulation

The above Consent Order having been presented to the duly appointed agent of the Connecticut Board of Examiners for Nursing on the 15th day of May, 2002, it is hereby ordered and accepted.

BY: 
Connecticut Board of Examiners for Nursing